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Soviet and Chinese Submarine Activities

1. The Soviet Pacific Fleet is commanded by Admiral Yumachev. It consists of the 1st Submarine Flotilla based on Vladivostok, and the 7th Submarine Flotilla based on the "Soviet Bight" (Anadir).
2. The total number of submarines is now between 200 and 215. Most of them belong to the 5th and 7th Flotillas but there is also a "Special Far East Submarine Command" which is intended to provide for a rapid offensive in the Pacific.
3. Most of the boats have reached station via the Arctic Ocean and Bering Strait. Several belong to the new K type of 1,560 tons, with a surface speed of 25 kts and a submerged speed of 18 kts.
4. There is a common training station for Chinese and Soviet submarine men at Port Arthur. Thirty small submarines of the M and new M class have been allotted to China, but it is not known whether they have been turned over.

Soviet Military Units in the Far East

5. At Anadir in the Kamchatka military district there are three infantry divisions, one artillery division and two parachute divisions.
6. In the Sakhalin island area, belonging to the "Far East" military district there are eight infantry divisions, one artillery division and an armored division.
7. Vladivostok belongs to a marine military district. It has three infantry divisions two artillery divisions, two armored divisions and a parachute division.

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